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SUBJECT: CAMPAIGN HEATS UP

1. FIRST VIOLENT EPISODE OF CAMPAIGN OCCURRED IN ISPARTA SEPT 27. RPP CHARIMAN ECEVIT FLEW INTO ANTALYA IN THE MORNING AND HELD RALLY. HE THEN DROVE TO ISPARTA, HOME OF JP CHARIMAN SULEYMAN DEMIREL AND JP STRONGHOLD, FOR SPEECH AND RALLY. SPEECH INITIALLY INTERRUPTED BY JERRING GROUP OF TEENAGERS. JEERS FOLLOWED BY ROCKS AND BOTTLES. GENERAL MELEE FOLLOWED DURING WHICH SIX RPP SUPPORTERS

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WOUNDED AND SEVERAL CARS DAMAGED. ONE STONE LANDED NEAR ECEVIT AS HE STOOD AT PODIUM. PUTTING IT IN HIS POCKET, HE SAID HE WOULD PRESENT IT TO DEMIREL AS A SOUVENIR OF ISPARTA.

2. UPON HEARING OF INCIDENT DEMIREL ISSUED STATEMENT SAYING HE OPPOSED TO USE OF VIOLENCE REGARDLESS OF REASON. ISPARTA PROVINCIAL JP CHARIMAN SENKET DEMIREL (BROTHER OF SULEYMAN DEMIREL) HOWEVER CLAIMED INCIDENT RESULTED FROM RPP PROVOCATION. ACCORDING
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THIS VERSION OF STORY, WHICH IS ONE BEING GIVEN OUT

UNOFFICIALLY BY JP IN IZMIR, AS RPP CAVALCADE ENTERED
ISPARTA IT HAPPENED UPON A PANEL TRUCK BEARING JP
FLAG AND POSTERS. RPP YOUTHS ATTACKED TRUCK RIPPING
FLAG OFF, BREAKING WINDOWS, AND INJURING DRIVER.
DRIVER SUBSEQUENTLY RALLIED A FEW LOCAL JP TOUGHS
TO GET REVENGE.

3. INJURIES FORTUNATELY NOT SERIOUS BUT WITH CAMPAIGN
ENTERING ITS LAST TWO WEEKS, TEMPERS SHARPENED BY
RAMAZAN FASTING, AND DETERMINATION OF ECEVIT TO
PUSH HIS CAMPAIGN INTO THE RURAL JP STRONGHOLDS MORE,

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AND MORE SERIOUS, INCIDENTS CERTAINLY POSSIBLE.
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